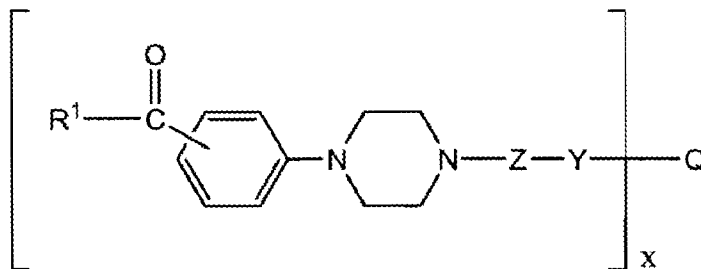


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

1. (original) A compound of formula (I):



where:

R^1 represents a methyl group, an ethyl group, a C_5 or C_6 cycloalkyl group or a C_6 - C_{10} aryl group, said aryl group being unsubstituted or being substituted by at least one C_1 - C_4 alkyl or C_1 - C_4 alkoxy group;

Z represents a C_6 - C_{10} arylene group or a group of formula- $(\text{CHR}^4)_n$ -, where R^4 represents a hydrogen atom, a hydroxy group or a C_1 - C_4 alkyl group, and n is a number from 0 to 6;

Y represents a carbonyl group or a-- CH_2 --group, provided that R^4 represents a hydroxy group when Y represents a-- CH_2 --group ;

Q represents a residue of a mono-or poly-hydroxy compound having from 1 to 6 hydroxy groups; and x is a number from 1 to 6; and esters thereof.

2. (original) A compound according to Claim 1, where Z represents a group of formula-- $(\text{CHR}^4)_n$, and n is 1.

3. (original) A compound according to Claim 2, in which R^4 represents a hydrogen atom, a methyl group or an ethyl group.

4. (original) A compound according to Claim 3, where R^4 represents a hydrogen atom.

5. (previously presented) A compound according to Claim 2, in which n is a number from 2 to 6 and one group R^4 represents a hydrogen atom or a C_1 - C_4 alkyl group, and the other or others of R^4 represent hydrogen atoms.

6. (previously presented) A compound according to Claim 1, in which Z represents a phenylene group.

7. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein Q represents a group of formula-Ax-Q', where:

A represents a group of formula- $[O(CHR^2CHR^3)_a]_y$ -, $[O(CH_2)_bCO]_y$ --or --

$[O(CH_2)_bCO]_{(y-1)}-[O(CHR^2CHR^3)_a]$ --; where:

R^2 and R^3 are the same or different and each represents a hydrogen atom or a C_1 - C_4 alkyl group;

a is a number from 1 to 2;

b is a number from 4 to 5; and

y is a number from 1 to 10;

x is a number from 1 to 6; and

Q' represents a residue of a mono-or poly-hydroxy compound having from 1 to 6 hydroxy groups.

8. (original) A compound according to Claim 7, in which y is a number from 3 to 10.

9. (original) A compound according to Claim 8, in which A represents a group of formula -- $[O(CHR^{13}CHR^{14})_a]_y$ -- where a is an integer from 1 to 2, and y is a number from 3 to 10.

10. (original) A compound according to Claim 8, in which A represents a group of formula-- $[OCH_2CH_2]_y$ --, -- $[OCH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2]_y$ --or-- $[OCH(CH_3)CH_2]_y$ --, where y is a number from 3 to 10.

11. (original) A compound according to Claim 8, in which A represents a group of formula-- $[O(CH^2)_bCO]_y$ -, where b is a number from 4 to 5 and y is a number from 3 to 10.

12. (original) A compound according to Claim 8, in which A represents a group of formula -- $[O(CH_2)_bCO]_{(y-1)}-[O(CHR^2CHR^1)_a]$ --, where a is a number from 1 to 2, b is a number from 4 to 5 and y is a number from 3 to 10.

13. (previously presented) A compound according to Claim 7, in which x is 2 and y is a number from 1 to 10.
14. (previously presented) A compound according to Claim 7, in which y is a number from 3 to 6.
15. (previously presented) A compound according to Claim 7, in which the residue Q-(A)_x has a molecular weight no greater than 2000.
16. (original) A compound according to Claim 15, in which the residue Q'-(A)_x has a molecular weight no greater than 1200.
17. (original) A compound according to Claim 16, in which the residue Q'-(A)_x has a molecular weight no greater than 1000.
18. (original) A compound according to Claim 17, in which the residue Q'-(A)_x has a molecular weight no greater than 800.
19. (previously presented) A compound according to Claim 7, in which Q' is a residue of a polyalkylene glycol, in which the alkylene part has from 2 to 6 carbon atoms.
20. (previously presented) A compound according to Claim 7, in which Q' is a residue of ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, butylene glycol, glycerol, 2,2-propanediol, polyethylene glycol, polypropylene glycol, polybutylene glycol, trimethylolpropane, di-trimethylolpropane, pentaerythritol or di-pentaerythritol.
21. (previously presented) A compound according to any one of Claim 6, in which x is 1.
22. (previously presented) A compound according to Claim 20, in which Q is the residue of a compound of the formula R'-OH.
23. (original) A compound according to Claim 21, in which Q is a C₁-C₆ alkoxy group or a phenoxy group.
24. (previously presented) A compound according to Claim 21, in which Z is a phenylene group.
25. (previously presented) A compound according to Claim 1, in which Q is a residue of a polyalkylene glycol, in which the alkylene part has from 2 to 6 carbon atoms.

26. (original) A compound according to Claim 25, in which Q is a residue of ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, butylene glycol, glycerol, 2, 2-propanediol, polyethylene glycol, polypropylene glycol, polybutylene glycol, trimethylolpropane, ditrimethylolpropane, pentaerythritol or di-pentaerythritol.

27. (previously presented) An energy-curable composition comprising:

- (a) a polymerisable monomer, prepolymer or oligomer;
- (b) a photoinitiator; and
- (c) a sensitizer which is a compound of formula (I), as claimed in Claim 1, or an ester thereof.

28. (original) A process for preparing a cured polymeric composition by exposing a composition according to Claim 27 to curing energy.

29. (original) A process according to Claim 28, in which the curing energy is ultraviolet radiation.

30. (new) A compound according to Claim 7, in which Q' is trimethylolpropane residue.